

Whereas, it is with profound respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the achievements of Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to assisting individuals and families through a variety of venues; and

Whereas, Grace Hill of St. Louis has attained distinction since its establishment in 1903 to assist the residents of a small North St. Louis neighborhood; and

Whereas, now delivering more than \$25 million in services to approximately 42,000 children, youth, adults, and elderly, Grace Hill works cooperatively through Grace Hill Settlement House and its sister agency, Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers, Incorporated, with a unique delivery system entitled Member Organized Resource Exchange; and

Whereas, truly "neighbors helping neighbors", Grace Hill Settlement House provides Childcare Development Programs, Youth Programs, an Elderly Care Program, Family and Stabilization Programs for the Homeless, and Education/Economic Stabilization Programs; and

Whereas, Grace Hill Settlement House and the Neighborhood Health Centers join forces to administer Head Start, AmeriCorps, HealthCorps, and Barter System programs which foster healthy communities by working together and helping neighbors develop self-sufficiency tools; and

Whereas, Neighborhood Health Centers offer a higher quality of life through Primary Health Care, Community Health, Health Care for the Homeless, Health-To-Go Van, Chronic Disease Initiatives, Pharmacy, Public Housing Primary Care, and Reach Out and Read programs; and

Whereas, Grace Hill Settlement House and Grace Hill Neighborhood Health Centers are a wonderful example of interrelated organizations which pursue one mission in the underprivileged neighborhoods of St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history and impressive, ongoing accomplishments associated with Grace Hill and to convey to its administrators, staff, and volunteers this legislative body's heartiest commendation of their longstanding, selfless endeavors and our best wishes as they observe the One Hundredth Anniversary of their organization's founding; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Grace Hill of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2828, adopted May 13, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker